

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/065,570

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/17/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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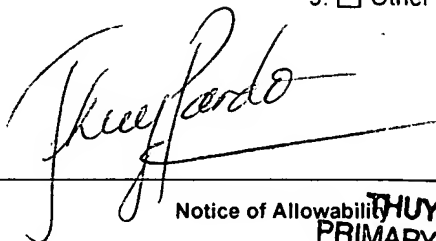
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on August 17, 2007 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 8-10, filed on August 17, 2007, with respect to the rejections of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Melick et al. (Hereinafter "Melick") US Patent Application No. 2001/0047283 in view of Reed et al. (Hereinafter "Reed") US Patent No. 5,737,609, have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination defect codes for assigning different categories, the different categories are a physical category and a document category, the categorized defect codes are assigned and stored in the receipt inspection reporting data within the database; and the receipt inspection reporting data is processed via multiple layers for review and approval before being reported as set forth in independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 17.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-16 and 18-20 being further limiting to independent claims 1, 5, 9 and

17 are also allowed.

The closest prior art, Melick et al. US Patent Application No. 2001/0047283 teaches bar-coded information is displayed on the remote computer. Once the user has performed an inspection on the equipment, the user may update the information through a keyboard or other input device. This updated information is stored on the database. Using this database, reports can be generated to show compliance with governmental and insurance requirements. The closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo can be reached on 571-272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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